CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for facilitating modification of the extent of a selected block of information in a displayed presentation for further processing of said block, said method comprising:

receiving a first input from a user for defining a first endpoint of said selected block of information;

displaying a first endpoint marker at said first endpoint;

receiving a second input from said user for defining a second endpoint of said selected block of information;

displaying a second endpoint marker at said second endpoint, said selected block of information being defined by said first and second endpoint markers; and

enabling said user to move either said first or second endpoint markers in order to correspondingly modify said extent of said selected block of information.

2. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second endpoint markers is displayed as a rectangular block.

3. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said first endpoint marker is visibly different from said second endpoint marker.

4. The method as set forth in claim 3 wherein said first endpoint marker is visibly designed to indicate a beginning of said selected block of information.

5. The method as set forth in claim 4 wherein said second endpoint marker is visibly designed to indicate an end of said selected block of information.

6. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein at least one of said first and second endpoint markers is displayed as a bracket symbol.

7. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein at least one of said endpoint markers is displayed as a semi-transparent marker overlaying displayed content to enable a semi-transparent view of said displayed content as viewed through said one of said endpoint markers.

8. The method as set forth in claim 1 wherein said enabling comprises responding to a user's movement of a mouse device to enable a corresponding movement of a displayed cursor to a selected one of said first or second endpoint markers, said method further being operable in response to an actuation of a switch associated with said mouse device in combination with a movement of said mouse device to move said selected one of said first or second endpoint markers in response to a movement of said mouse device to a new location thereby changing said extent of said selected block of information.

9. The method as set forth in claim 8 wherein said selected block of information is shortened in response to movement of said one of said first or second endpoint markers.

10. The method as set forth in claim 8 wherein said selected block of information is extended in response to movement of said one of said first or second endpoint markers.

11. A storage medium including machine readable coded indicia, said storage medium being selectively coupled to a reading device, said reading device being selectively coupled to processing circuitry within a computer system, said reading device being selectively operable to read said machine readable coded indicia and provide program signals representative thereof, said program signals being selectively operable to facilitate a selection of a block of information in a displayed presentation for further processing by effecting the steps of:

receiving a first input from a user for defining a first endpoint of said selected block of information;

displaying a first endpoint marker at said first endpoint;

receiving a second input from said user for defining a second endpoint of said selected block of information;

displaying a second endpoint marker at said second endpoint, said selected block of information being defined by said first and second endpoint markers; and

enabling said user to move either said first or second endpoint markers in order to correspondingly modify said extent of said selected block of information.

12. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein at least one of said first and second endpoint markers is displayed as a rectangular block.

13. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said first endpoint marker is visibly different from said second endpoint marker.

14. The medium as set forth in claim 13 wherein said first endpoint marker is visibly designed to indicate a beginning of said selected block of information.

15. The medium as set forth in claim 14 wherein said second endpoint marker is visibly designed to indicate an end of said selected block of information.

16. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein at least one of said first and second endpoint markers is displayed as a bracket symbol.

17. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein at least one of said endpoint markers is displayed as a semi-transparent marker overlaying displayed content to enable a semi-transparent view of said displayed content as viewed through said one of said endpoint markers.

18. The medium as set forth in claim 11 wherein said enabling comprises responding to a user's movement of a mouse device to enable a corresponding movement of a displayed cursor to a selected one of said first or second endpoint markers, and, in response to an actuation of a switch associated with said mouse device in combination with a movement of said mouse device, to move said selected one of said first or second endpoint markers to a new location thereby changing said extent of said selected block of information.

19. The medium as set forth in claim 18 wherein said selected block of information is shortened in response to movement of said one of said first or second endpoint markers.

20. The medium as set forth in claim 18 wherein said selected block of information is extended in response to movement of said one of said first or second endpoint markers.

21. A system for processing a selected block of information in a displayed presentation, said system comprising:

a system bus;

a CPU device connected to said system bus;

an input device connected to said system bus, said input device being arranged to enable user input to said system;

a display device connected to said system bus; and

memory means connected to said system bus, said memory means containing code executable by said CPU device for receiving a first user input from a user for defining a first endpoint of a selected block of information and displaying a first endpoint marker at said first endpoint, said system being further operable for receiving a second input from said user for defining a second endpoint of said selected block of information and displaying a second endpoint marker at said second endpoint, said selected block of information being defined by said first and second endpoint markers, said system being further operable for enabling said user to move either said first or second endpoint markers by using said input device in order to correspondingly modify said extent of said selected block of information.